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BAN JOHNSON AIRS SOME SOUND OPINIONS.



Of the American League.

President Ban Johnson of the American Lesgue is a much discussed man in baseball chreies all over the country just now on account of the firm stand he has taken against rowdylem in the league of which he is the head. Pitcher Joe McGinnity of Baltimore has been added to the American League "blacklist" for spitting in the face of Umpire Connolly at Baltimore. Shoristop Shugart of Chicago was given the first doze of Johnson's medicine, and Pitcher Katoll will likely be clustised, though hardiy to the extent that Shugart and McGinnity were. The latter two players were expelled from the American League and will have to seek berths in other organizations. Johnson has many ideas about the management of a big league. Following are some of them accredited to him as published in a Chicago paper:

"In the years I have been identified with haseball it has been my experience that the members of a champion-ship team rarely cause the officials of the league Eny trouble. The ball players must keep their minds riveted upon the game to be successful. Those who allow themselves to be diverted from the play in disputes with the unspire work an injury to their club. An ill-tempered player breeds endless trouble for the club manager and the officials of the league.

"It frequently happens that a player to cover up his own shortcomings finds fault with his fellows, and on the slightest pre-

text plunges into a dispute with the umpire.

Let a player have a batting slump, coupled with rasged fickling, and he will frequently attempt to square himself with the manager at the umpire's expense.

"A manager in his swaddling clothes must have watchful care and attention from his superfors. He is frequently as dangerous and flighty as a brand new 'club owner. Clothed with authority, he seems imbued with the idea that to make his presence felt he must quarret and scrap with the league officials. The players under his control are inculcated with the same spirat. Discipline is thrown to the four winds, demoralization follows and the club ceases to be a factor in the pennant race.

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The troublesome managers and players are, as a rule, those who want something better than an even break. They are the very ones the sport-locking public will not encourage. The American people love fair play. Games won by the employment of rowdylsm and buildozing tactics will not receive the indersement of the patrons of the sport.

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"For several years the American League has enjoyed the reputation of being the champton of clean and sportsmanilke bull. This spring there was a universal demand for clean bull. It is something every intelligent patron of the game wants, and they should not be dealed. There has been more rowdylsm this year than was ever known before in the history of the American League. The fact that the two large leagues are at war is in a measure responsible for the trouble.

"The American League has made, however, an honest and determined effort to preserve order on its ball fields, and discipline among its players. Outbreaks of a most disgraceful nature have occurred, but the offenders in no instance have gone unjunished. The American League officials have a keen appreciation of the duty they owe the public. They will not falter, More drastic measures will be used, if necessary, to curb the belligerent spirits of the organization.

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"The intelligent and thoughtful player must appreciate that the future welfare and prosperity of the game langes larkely on the manner in which it is conducted during the necent year. Many thousands were wearned away from the sport during the brotherhood revolt, and is the year following, which marked the untimely conflict between the American Association and National League, it should be the steady aim of every American League manager and player to lend his best efforts for the maintenance of good order on the ball field.

"I have full confidence in the American League staff of umpires. They are men of integrity, good judgment and long experience. Three on the staff have served the League in preylous years, and with credit. The vaporings of a partisan press, and the wild utterances of a disgruntled manager or player should not be taken scriously.

"The best means to secure good umpiring is to keep the players away from the official. To umpire a modern game of ball is at best a trying and thankless job. The umpire is not infallible. In the course of two brief hours he is called upon to make a hundred for more decisions. He would, indeed, be a remarkable individual if he could give them all correctly—to the entire satisfaction of eighteen ball players, two managers—not to mention the partisan spectators. The way to secure the best results from an umpire is to encourage him in his work rather than to abuse him."

HANS WAGNER AT SHORT IS TOWER OF STRENGTH.



HANS WAGNER OF PITTSBURG.

THREE WORLD'S CHAMPIONS

Flanagan, O'Connor and Kraenslein Will Perform at St. James Par-

ish Games on September 15-Flanagan's Won-

derful Records With Weights.

WILL APPEAR IN ST. LOUIS.

The Pittsburg tribe of pennant-chasers includes more than one brilliant player, but J. Hans, alias "Honus," Wagner, is the ripe red peach of them all. Wagner is a most versatile player, being outranked in this respect only by Charley Dexter of Chicago. Wagner was formerly identified with the Pirate outfield, but this year he was moved in and started the season play ing third base. Tommy Leach was at short Wagner was the premier hitter of the paronly floating along with the tide, and has not distinguished himself in the hitties line except for occasional long raps. Not until Fred Clarke ordered Leach and Wagner to swap positions, did Wagner begin to ships the year. The hig follow is not true. shine this year. The big fellow is not gruceful in appearance, but the amount of ground he can cover is something wonder-ful. When the Pittsburg team played a series at League Park, in the latter pert of July, Wagner was switched to short. The of July, Wagner was switched to short. The prophecy was made that Clarke would rue the move, but it was never falfilled. Wagner started right off as if he had never played any other position. He was compared to his own discredit with "Bones" Ely, but developments show that he has the latter skinned a block

the latter skinned a block. Just now Wagner and Wallace are vising for the honors, and it is hard to tell which has the best of it. It is commonly acknowledged in the West that this pair are the two best in the big League. Waliace is

steady and has made the record this year of accepting H7 chances without an error. Bobby takes great delight in throwing out baserunners, but this is also one of Wagner's strong points. The latter has a mighty "whip," and when he first was tried out in his new position, let his arm out on several throws to first which nearly took Eransfield off his feet. Wagner profited by one or two costly errors, and his throw to first now is a sort of overhand lob, which looks slow, but thumps into the first baseman's mitt with a chug which discourages the runner. The beauty of Wagner's throwing is that it is accurate, and unless the big German is pressed hard for time, or is cought in a quick play, he can nearly always land them in the right place. Wagner covers more ground than any shortstop in the League. For a man of his build he is wonderfully quick on his feet. An instance of his fielding ability was shown in a recent game with St. Louis, in which Wagner stopped a vicious grounder to the right of second base. The stop destroyed Wagner's balance, but in a second he was on his feet again, touched second, forcing a runner, and threw to first in time to complete a double play. The star plece of fielding won the game for Pittsburg.

In the recent games with the Pirates, Wallace and Wagner have about evenly divided the honore. Whenever Wagner makes an error it is likely to be costly, as he plays with all his might. Wagner has a peculiar way of reaching after a ball when at bat. Oftentimes when a ball As bitched wide of the plate, he has reached fair over without seeming to swing his bat. More than once these reaches have resulted in extra base hits. of accepting 117 chances without an error. Bobby takes great delight in throwing out

Dan Shannahan, the present record holder; 147 feet in the sixteen-pound hammer throw, a toss which broke the American champion, Mitchell's, record by two feet, and estab-lished a new world's record, and then wound up the day by putting a twenty-eight-pound shot 35 feet 1 inch for another record.

Seeing the necessity of guarding against the misinterpretation of the rules regarding the standing of an amateur, the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association have given the matter their full attention and have amended sections 9, 10 and 11 of the by-laws so that in the future there can be no possible chance to misconstrue their meaning.

They have even taken the precaution to guard against outsiders coming here to compete for the championships by compelling them to be members of a club for a period not less than the entire current season. No player can have his club dues or charges paid by another person as an inducement to become a member of a club, nor will a player be allowed to receive transportation or board, or any reduction or equivalent thereof, as a consideration of his playing golf or exhibiting his skill as a player.

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These amendments are the result of charges publicly made, though to no governing body, that certain noted amateurs have received concessions from clubs, railways and hotels, and professionalism was becoming rife in the most exclusive golf circles. Had official notice been taken of the charges some believe the developments would have been highly sensational.

President Robertson and the members of the Executive Committee of the U. S. G. A. are men of peace, so they have enacted measures that are calculated to prevent suspicious transactions in the future.

Irish Rife Experts.

Ireland's expert rifle shots, representing the Ulster Rifle Association, who are going to compete against America's best marksmen, arrived in New York Wednesday.

They were welcomed by a committee of Eastern cracks and taken on board Colonel Robert M. Thompson's yacht Reverie after passing the scrutiny of the customs officers.

They were landed at Atlantic Highlands and then proceeded to Seagirt, N. J. where the match will begin on September 16.

The visitors are extremely confident of winning the contest, the first that has taken place between Ireland and the United States since 1875. They are sil in good condition, and declare that after a few days' good practice they will be ready to shoot against any team in the world.

The team is composed of James Wilson, captain; John McKenna, secretary; W. T. Braithwalte, Thomas Caldwell, Ernest Donnan, Boston.

Moran, Robert Duncan, F. W. Henry, Major Milloer, John Morgan, P. W. Richardson, Doctor J. C. Sellers, Sir Henry Thyme and J. R. Williams.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Duncan, Brian McErlean, Doctor P. O'Connell, Joseph Redick, Chicago.

Shipping Pittsburg. 55



PITCHER JACK SUTTHOFF.

Formerly a Cardinal, now Twirling for Cincinnati. Sir Andrew Reed, W. R. Rodgers and Mrs. Sellers accompanied the team.

The visitors use the Mannlicher (Austrian) rife, of .256 bore. The teams of eight men will compete at the 800, 900 and 1,000 yards ranges. They will fire fifteen shots each at each range.

After the match the Irishmen will remain for the yacht races as the guests of Sir Thomas Lipton.

MR. WILSON DISPUTES DR. KOCH Secretary of Agriculture Discusses

the Scientist's Latest Theory.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 21.—Secretary of
Agriculture Wilson, in an interview, attacks the theory of Professor Koch that
human beings are in no danger from
tuberculosis in animals.
"It has been determined that bovine tuberculosis can be communicated to man,"
said the Secretary, "and we have cases of
real tuberculosis produced by inoculation.
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"Such cases have been recently reported from Pennsylvania in veterinarians who cut their hands or wounded them with sharp pieces of bone. In some of these cases the bacilli were demonstrated by the microscope, and in one by inoculation of animals. "Similar cases have been received from Europe. Two cases recently reported from Pennsylvania were of men employed in repairing cattle cars, They wounded their hands with pieces of wood work and local tuberculosus set in One man was cured, but in the other cases the disease had invaded the man's lungs and caused death. "Another case was reported in an Omaha clinic. It was of a little girl with an eruption on the leg. supposed to be jvy poison. Her parents applied cream, and local tuberculosis resulted. Investigation showed that the family had used the milk from only one cow, and rabbits inoculated with the milk and cream from this cow died of tuberculosis. "These local inoculations furnish as direct and positive evidence as could be obtained from experiments. We do not permit tubercular cattle to be imported. The test is applied in all countries. We are particularly watching the Brilish Isles."

MR. CARNEGIE'S LATEST GIFT.

Presents \$50,600 for a Town Hall at Motherwell, Scotland.

London, Aug. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$35,000 to build a Town Hall at Moth-erwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

PITCHER DOHENY STILL LEADS NATIONAL BATTERS

Heidrick and Burkett Come Next, Although Their Averages Have Suffered in the Last Week--Hartsel of Chicago Is Rapidly Coming to the Front-Harper Has Lost His Place as the National League's Leading Pitcher.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Batting averages in the National League ook a decided tumble during the past week, and most of the heavy sluggers had their and also persists in staying over the .600 ercentages scaled down in painful fashion. mark. Thirty-three men are hitting .300 or Among the twenty-seven batsmen now hit- higher, with Lajole pre-eminent in basehits, ting 300 or better Eddie Doheny still holds runs serred and totals of almost every kind, the nominal lead, while the real credit still He is also the chief long-range slugger, and

Matthewson, N. Y. M. Phillips, Cincinnati. 30
Taylor, Chicago. 27
Ely, Pittsburg. 62
Dincen, Boston. 32
Bernard, New York. 27
Leever, Pittsburg. 16
Ganzel, New York 100
Donovan, Brooklyn. 27
Cross Philadelphia. 100
Powell, St. Louis. 38
Fox, Cihcinnati. 32

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Halfman, Phila
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Smith, Pitts-Hoston
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Players.
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Pitchers.

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REPORTS A BOER CAPTURE.

Kitchener Says General Garrati Has Taken Piet Delarey.

London, Aug. 31.—Lord Kitchener, raphing from Pretoria to-day, saye: "Garratt has espured Fist Indeed rether of the Assistant Concessions."

AS A WOMAN THINKS. The softest thing in the world is the hand of a loving woman when it caresses.

You may have noticed that Dobbin' straw hat is now coquettishly ornamente with an artificial flower or a ribbon bow. After a woman has straightened up husband's bureau drawer he can't find the he wants until it is mussed up stain.

Napoleon Lajole hange grimly to his job as star batsman of the American League,

Players.
Isbell, Chicago.....
McGraw, Baltimore
Mertes, Chicago
Keister, Haltimore

PHILLIES AND BROOKLYN RIVALS FOR SECOND PLACE.

Both Teams Have Struck a Fast Gait and Are Decreasing Gap Which Separates Them From Pirates-St. Louis and Other Western Teams Go East This Week.

continuation of the steady uphill work of the Brooklyn club, which passed Philadelphia early in the week. The Quakers ralhowever, and up till yesterday it was an even break between the two clubs. This esawing is a good thing for the Cardinals, as it keeps down the percentages of the two high Eastern clubs and gives the local team a better look-in for third place. Cincinnati, after dropping back to seventh place, took a brace, and, coupled New York's defeat of Friday with a victory at

Et. Louis, thereby pulling down the Giants. The team from Gotham looks in a fair way to finish even lower than Chicago, which is winning games right along. George Davis is in a had way for pitchers. The great Christy Matthewson now looks like anybody else to the sluggers of other teams. Charley Hickman has turned up again at the siab, and even the veteran George Van Haltren tried his luck on the rubber. Davis has signed a new catcher from the New York State League, but as yet has been unable to land another Mat-Cincinnati is expecting to take on a lot

of new talent when the team goes East. The players which were secured from the Bristol Club of the Connecticut League will report to McPhee next week, Barry McCormick is said To be out of the game for the balance of the season, and Chicago has added to its inner guard the person of Third Baseman Hickey, late of the Mathews Club of the Western Association. Haymer will play in McCormick's place for the rest of the season, while Hickey will take the latter's place at the third corner. Hickey is a No. 1 fielder, but as a batter does not rank high.

Following is the schedule of the St. Louis club for the coming week:
At Brooklyn-Two games Monday and one game Tuesday.
At Boston-Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
At New York-Saturday.

Manager Denovan returned without the left-handed pitcher which he was said to be in search of. Wicker is still sojourning at West Baden and will hardly accompany the team East. This will leave Harper, Powell, Sudhon and Murphy to do the twiring. Powell and Sudhon are in good form, but Murphy and Harper seem to have struck a run of hard luck.

Pitcher Joe McGinnity, who was given the "icy mitt" by Ban Johnson last week, is known as the "Indian Territory" boy, but none of his fame was ever earned in the wild and woolly West. Illinois diamonds developed McGinnity, and it was there that he first came into the notice of the National League magnates. McGinnity pitched for a Springfield, Ill., team and later for a semiprofessional team at Paxton, Ill. It was there that he became famous for his puzzling shoots, and at the close of the season he was rescued from obscurity. It is said that Ned Hanlon can make any dub of a pitcher a success, but with McGinnity he had good timber, and how well he utilized it is now well known. From Brooklyn the story is denied that McGinnity will return to Hanlon. The Brooklyn manager is quoted as saying that he will make no advances, and it is hardly thought that Joe will seek out Hanlon. With one twirler shy, it might be well for Frank De Hass Robison to have a talk with McGinnity. The latter would be a valuable addition to the team at this time.

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Catcher George Yeager of Pittsburg has a peculiar habit of talking to his bat while en route from the bench to the home plate and addresses it much the same as he would a fellow-player. He is superstitious and thinks it brings him good luck.

The first instance on record where an umpire was called to bat to win a game occurred in Brooklyn the other day. Bob Emilie was not equal to the task of umpiring two games in one day, and McGuire and Orth uncertook the job. In the ninth inning Orth was taken off the lines and sent to fait in place of Donohue, and he neatly proceed the trick, making a single and eventually moverage. Orth was allowed to umpire with the unfarmanding that he could be without any about his services be needed. Harry White took his place, and Philadelphia won the game.



PITCHER WILEY PIATT. He is a southpaw, and has played with Philadelphia teams in National and American leagues. Piatt recently signed to play with the "White Sox."

says that no matter how long a man has been in baseball he cannot get into a game without being a triffe nervous. The uncertainty of the game and the high tension to which the nerves of players are strung are responsible for this. He says:

"I haven't been in big League company very long myself, so I may be a triffe more nervous than I will be later, but I learn from all the other players on this team that they feel just about as I do during a game. There is an air of uncertainty about it all the time that keeps a player on his toes constantly. You never know but what the ball will be hit right at you and a fumble or bad play lose the game for your team. Of course, there are players who are so indifferent as to the outcome of the game that they may not be in the slightest nervous. But those I do not reckon in as ball players. They're not in the game at every stage to win.

"The pitcher is the one that is most affected by nervousness, and it is only after long experience, which gives confidence to himself, that he overcomes it enough so that it is not a handican to him. The pitcher is also the one most affected if he natices that the other members of his team are too nervous. Then he is likely to go to pieces and a game that might otherwise have been won may be lost.

"There are a few pitchers, like Cy Young, Griffith and McGinnity, who can steady aimost any ball club. The niayers have confidence in them, and if things break had for some infield a few encouraging words from them will do more to straighten out the player than anything else. It makes a fellow feel as though the uitcher has confidence in him, and he steadles down, losing that nervousness that was causing him to make the misplays."

Manager Griffith does not agree with Ferris entirely in the theory that all ball players are nervous during a game.

"If the game is very close and a good deal depends on the result some of the men may become nervous, but as a rule I do not think the old-timers experience any such feelings.

"Still, I'd rather see a play

It has been definitely announced by those | were all made under different rules from in charge of the arrangements for the ath-letic carnival, to be held under the auspices | and, making allowances for this, the men of St. James Parish at Handlan's Park on are as rearly equally matched as possible September 15, that three world's champions The contest should prove a magnificent will appear at the meet, Father Casey, rector of the parish, has secured the positive the pushed up to the twenty-five-foot three.

will appear at the meet. Father Casey, rector of the parish, has secured the tositive promises of John Flanagan, the champion hammer-thrower; kraenslem, the noted allround athlete, and Peter O'Connor, the Irish broad-jumper, who has recently arrived in this country, that they will be a rived in this country, that they will be pushed up to the twenty-five-foot lark.

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JOHN FLANAGAN, Champion weight thrower of the world, who will appear in St. Louis at the St. James Parish feld sperts 66 September 13,